Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) ~~The load-bearing assembly of claim 2, further comprising~~ A load bearing assembly for supporting a load on a transport system, the load being moveable between a stowed position and an operating position, the load bearing assembly comprising:

a. a support frame mounted on the transport system, the support frame having both a horizontal and a vertical span;

b. one or more slide rails mounted within the frame and positioned to span the vertical span of the support frame;

c. one or more slides mounted, one on each slide rail, and moveable in a substantially vertical path along the slide rails;

d. one or more moveable platforms mounted, one on each slide, and moveable therewith within the support frame for substantially vertical linear movement within the frame between a stowed position and an operating position, the one or more moveable platforms for supporting a load;

e. a drive system for moving the one or more platforms, load and one or more slides between the stowed position and the operating position; and

f. a transfer device spanning the space between the spaced slide rails and engaging the slides wherein the drive system is connected directly to the transfer device.

4. (original) The load bearing assembly of claim 3, wherein the transfer device is slip mounted to the slide rails, permitting relative movement between the slide rails and the transfer device.

5. (original) The load bearing assembly of claim 4, wherein the drive system is mounted for relative movement between the drive system and the support frame for minimizing any binding forces between the drive system and the transfer device.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The load bearing assembly of claim 3, wherein:

a. the support frame has an upper, elongated mounting surface;

b. the slide rails are mounted on and depend from the upper surface;

c. a jack screw block is mounted on the transfer device;

d. the drive system comprises a vertical screw having one end mounted for rotation on and depending from the upper surface and extending axially through the jack screw block.

8. (original) The load bearing assembly of claim 7, wherein:

a. the support frame includes a lower, elongated mounting surface; and

b. the slide rails have opposite ends secured to the upper and lower surfaces, respectively.

9. (original) The load bearing assembly of claim 8, wherein the transfer device is slip mounted to the slide rails, permitting relative movement between the slide rails and the transfer device.

10. – 11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) ~~The lift system of claim 11, further comprising~~ A lift system for supporting a frac blender on a transport vehicle in a manner permitting the frac blender to be moved along a substantially vertical linear path between a raised, transport position and a lowered, operating position the lift system comprising:

a. a support frame mounted on the transport vehicle, the support frame having both a horizontal span and a vertical span;

b. one or more slide rails mounted within the support frame, the one or more slide rails positioned to span the vertical span of the support frame;

c. one or more slides mounted, one on each slide rail, and moveable in a substantially vertical path along the slide rails;

d. one or more moveable platforms mounted, one on each slide, and moveable therewith within the support frame for substantially vertical linear movement within the frame between a stowed position and an operating position, the one or more moveable platforms for supporting the frac blender;

e. a drive system for moving the frac blender and the one or more platforms between the stowed position and the operating position; and

f. a transfer bar spanning the space between the ~~spaced~~ one or more slide rails and engaging the one or more slides wherein the drive system is connected directly to the transfer bar, the transfer bar being slip mounted to the one or more slide rails for permitting relative movement between the one or more slide rails and the transfer bar.

13. (original) The lift system of claim 12, wherein the drive system is mounted for relative movement between the drive system and the support frame for minimizing any binding forces between the drive system and the transfer bar.

14. (original) The lift system of claim 13, wherein:

a. the support frame has an upper, elongated mounting surface;

b. the slide rails are mounted on and depend from the upper surface;

c. a jack screw block is mounted on the transfer bar;

d. the drive system comprises a vertical screw having one end mounted for rotation on and depending from the upper surface and extending axially through the jack screw block.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) ~~The lift system of claim 15, further comprising~~ A lift system for supporting a frac blender on a transport vehicle in a manner permitting the frac blender to be

moved along a substantially vertical linear path between a raised, transport position and a lowered, operating position the lift system comprising:

a. a substantially rectangular support frame mounted on the transport vehicle, the support frame having vertical elongated sides and horizontal elongated top and bottom members;

b. a pair of slide rails mounted within the support frame in parallel spaced relationship and extending vertically between the top and bottom frame members, the slide rails having opposite end secured to the ;

c. a slide mounted on each slide rail moveable in a substantially vertical path along the slide rail;

d. a moveable platform spanning the slide rails and mounted on each slide and moveable therewith within the support frame for substantially vertical linear movement within the frame between a stowed position and an operating position;

e. a drive system for moving the frac blender and platform between the stowed position and the operating position; and

f. a transfer bar spanning the space between the spaced slide rails and engaging the slides wherein the drive system is connected directly to the transfer bar, the transfer bar being slip mounted to the slide rails for permitting relative movement between the slide rails and the transfer bar.

17. (original) The lift system of claim 16, wherein the drive system is mounted for relative movement between the drive system and the support frame for minimizing any binding forces between the drive system and the transfer bar.

18. (original) The lift system of claim 17, wherein:

a. a jack screw block is mounted on the transfer bar;

d. the drive system comprises a vertical screw having one end mounted for rotation on and depending from the upper member of the support frame and extending axially through the jack screw block.

19. (original) The lift system of claim 18, wherein the opposite end of the vertical screw is free, permitting relative translational movement between the vertical screw and the support frame.